

### REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 15, 2004 (Paper No. 9). Claims 20 to 24 are in the application, of which Claims 20, 23 and 24 are independent. Claims 1 to 19 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Claims 20 to 24 are being added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 14 to 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,943,650 and U.S. Patent No. 5,691,742 (O'Connor). Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Claims 1 and 14 to 19 are canceled, rendering the rejections moot.

New Claims 20 to 24 manage software battery information for a client terminal via a network by: 1) creating a first key for management of a session in response to a request from the client terminal, 2) transmitting the created first key to the client terminal, 3) receiving the first key, a second key, and remaining battery amount information from the client terminal, 4) judging if the first key and the second key match, 5) issuing battery addition information for the client terminal in response to the judged result, 6) receiving battery charge confirmation information from the client terminal, and 7) creating log information based on the battery charge confirmation information.

The Applicants submit Claims 20 to 24 are allowable over the applied art, namely Kanno and O'Connor, since it is not believed that the art fails to show the above-identified features, particularly as regards creation of a first key in response to a request from a client terminal, transmitting the first key to the client terminal, and receiving the

first key, a second key and battery information from the client terminal. In addition, the applied art is not seen to show judging whether the first and second keys match and issuing battery addition information based on the outcome of the judgment.

No other matters being raised by the Office Action, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited at the Examiner earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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